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February 28, 2018

Commissioner Robert Taub, Chairman
Commissioner Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Nanci Langley
Commissioner Mark Acton
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268

RE: Docket No. RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners:

We join the National Catholic Development Conference (NCDC), the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers, and the nonprofit mailing community in urging you to reconsider your proposal to increase postage rates several times the rate of inflation. Increases that are estimated to reach 7 percent a year, or 40 percent compounded for five years, will not reform the United States Postal Service and will have a major negative impact on both the agency and its customers.

As a nonprofit, we rely on mail for the majority of our fund-raising. But we operate on a limited, fixed fund-raising budget each year, so if postage goes up as much as you contemplate, we will be forced to greatly reduce our mailings. This will have a disastrous impact on our revenue and our mission.

Our mission is to sponsor projects in poor countries in the fields of health, education, the promotion of women, ethnic minorities and the growth of local communities.

Postage increases totaling 40 percent over the next five years will constrain us to diminish the number of appeals for donations and therefore our ability to subsidize these projects that make a better future for many people possible.

Please do the right thing and reconsider your proposal.

Sincerely,

The Consolata Missionaries (Priests and Brothers) work in:

Angola, Dem. Rep. of Congo, Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mozambique, South Africa,
Tanzania, Uganda; Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela; Canada, Mexico, U.S.A.;
Mongolia, South Korea; England, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Spain.

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